

Schmidt Ordered Committed To Beatty

Robert E. Schmidt, 46, indicted on charges of sodomy in a case involving dozens of young boys on the Eastside, yesterday was ordered committed to the Norman W. Beatty Hospital at Westville as a criminal sexual psychopath.

The order came in Criminal Court, Division 1, after the Indiana Department of Mental Health reported that tests on Schmidt over a 60-day period indicated he was incompetent to stand trial and is a sexual psychopath.

Schmidt, who resided at 1349 North LaSalle Street, and Donald L. Strange, 30, 4619 East 10th Street, were arrested Feb. 12. Strange last month pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve a 2-to-14-year term in prison.

Schmidt will be confined until such time as he is cured. Schmidt's previous criminal record included a 1955 conviction in Illinois where he was found guilty of perversion with three young boys. He received two 10-to-20 year prison terms and a 1-to-10 year term and

was paroled in 1964 after serving nine years of the prison terms.